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Weather
Fair through Friday in the valley but patchy morning low clouds. Little change in temperature. Lows in the 50s. Highs both days in the mid 70s to mid 80s. Westerly winds 10 to 25 mph afternoons and evenings.

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BART's bow tie battler

Robert Allen is a lone wolf, an outsider on the Bay Area Rapid Transit Board of Directors. A Mormon, a member of the John Birch Society, a former Central Committee member of the American Independent Party, Allen is a dyed-in-the-wool conservative who has been a thorn in the side of what he terms BART's "power caucus" since his stunning election to the District Five board seat in 1974.

Allen has spoken out against financial excesses, mismanagement, affirmative action fare increases to the irritation of some fellow board members.

Sporting a crew cut and a red bow tie, Allen has the look of a man on the outside, but he is undaunted. He is convinced that without his vigilance, the interests of valley residents would be ignored by a power clique that he claims controls the board's actions.



At first glance Allen seems a contradiction. He admits that he opposed the 1962 bond issue that appropriated funds to build BART in the first place. "I personally didn't see that BART would do that much good for the valley," Allen confessed.

In fact, Allen still seriously questions the merit of a BART extension all the way to Livermore as it is presently conceived.

"I'm not optimistic about the chances for a Livermore rail," he said. "The cost is far in excess of what it should be."

Allen pointed out that the connection from the present Bay Fair station to Pleasanton would cost, in 1974 dollars, about \$190 million.

To extend that line underground from Pleasanton to Livermore will bring that price tag up to \$370 million, Allen noted.

"\$180 million just to serve two stations in Livermore is really a greatly excessive price," he said. So why does a man who opposed BART in the first place and doesn't favor an extension out to the valley as presently proposed want to retain his seat on the system's board of directors?

"I hate to see our investment in BART — 1.6 billion — now that it's here sit around idle 56 percent of the time," Allen said.

He admits there is limited demand for BART service now but thinks it could be improved if the number of cars during peak periods were increased.

Allen also attributes a slackening in the increase of public demand to the fare increase that went into effect last fall.

"I felt strongly that the increase was too much," Allen said, "and I brought the increase to the attention of the Board of Supervisors and the city councils of my district. I sent a letter to the whole district telling them the law allows them to hold

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Park district defends actions in Rowell lawsuit

In answer to a lawsuit brought against the East Bay Regional Park District over a huge land purchase in the Valley, EBRPD officials are saying they have proceeded properly with their environmental impact report.

"We have complied with the California Environmental Quality Act in every way," Hulet Hornbeck, chief of land acquisition, said yesterday. Meanwhile, a group of local landowners are suing to force the district to file a complete environmental impact report (EIR), rather than the brief negative declaration they have filed, on purchase of the Rowell Ranch of 4,236 acres. The disputed property is located south of Del Valle and east of Sunol in an unincorporated cattle-ranching corner of the Valley.

Lawyer Alan Grossman of Pleasanton is representing a group of ranchers surrounding the Rowell property: Julie Wauhab-Eckroat, Michael R. Murry, the N3 Cattle Co., Ivan D. Sawyer, J. Shearer and the Wauhab Ranch.

Some of the property the complainants own, as well as the Rowell land, has long been desired by EBRPD as part of an envisioned Wauhab-Volpe Ridge regional park.

Their lawsuit charges that EBRPD should have filed an impact report fully disclosing the possible negative effects of a park right in the middle of a group of cattle ranches. Rare wildlife could be driven away and fires could be caused by careless park-goers, among other problems, says lawyer Grossman.

EBRPD's Hornbeck contends that the park district did what was necessary in the way of analyzing environmental impact. Two "definitely qualified individuals," environmental coordinator Gerald Thompson and resource analyst Neil Haylock prepared a negative declaration "in substantial detail," Hornbeck says.

The negative declaration filed with the state includes a three-page checklist of items EBRPD is supposed to examine for possible problems when the Rowell property becomes a park. Every item was checked "no impact," according to Grossman, who obtained a copy of the report.

However, says Grossman, an earlier, undated EBRPD acquisition study states: "An increase in the number of people in the area has the potential of disturbing wildlife and increasing exposure to accidental fire."

Grossman says a 1975 EBRPD plan outlines plans for toilets, drink-

ing fountains, picnic areas and equestrian centers at the proposed park. He doesn't see how that could fail to affect the surroundings, especially wildlife like mountain lions, ringtail cats and golden eagles.

The Rowell land also contains headwaters of four creeks: Indian, Alameda, San Antonio and La Costa. Pollution of those waters would affect the ranchers whose cattle drink from the creeks—not to mention the Bay Area drinking water supply, suggests Grossman.

The park district's general counsel, Orr, Wendell and Lawler of Oakland, are expected to file a response to the Valley suit by Aug. 26. Meanwhile, the district is prevented from completing the purchase of the Rowell property because of a restraining order signed last Friday by Judge Robert K. Barber of Alameda County Superior Court.

Castlewood fence hassle is continued

Alameda County Bureau

HAYWARD — Robert Glynn's non-conforming backyard fence on View Drive was given a month's reprieve yesterday after his landscape architect volunteered to meet with angered Castlewood homeowners as County Zoning Administrator Dick Flynn reviewed the controversial issue.

Glynn's fence, reaching up to 12 feet in places, was built without the required county variance. Fences in the area are legally limited to six feet in height.

Neighbors complained vociferously after the fence went up, charging it violates the aesthetics of the area as well as the county ordinance.

Joan Zehnder, filing a pre-fence picture as evidence, said yesterday the masonry and wood wall is the only thing she can see from her neighboring home.

Others complained that neither Glynn nor architect Kenneth Cook contacted them before the fence went up.

Cook said he will arrange a meeting with the Castlewood Homeowners Association to air both sides of the issue and work out an amenable solution.

Zoning Administrator Flynn has scheduled a subsequent hearing for September 8.

Donlon, Lydiksen, keys to Murray

(This is the third of 10 articles to appear during the next three weeks concerning seventh - eighth grade housing in the Murray School District and attendant enrollment and construction problems).

Donlon and Lydiksen in Pleasanton are the pivotal schools in any decisions regarding reorganization of grades.

While they are but two of nine schools in the district, the combined enrollments represent almost 40 percent of the total district enrollment.

A fall enrollment of 1,280 is projected for Donlon, which has grades kindergarten through eighth, and 739 for Lydiksen, a K-6 facility.

Thus, if the Murray school board should consider conversion of a present K-6 or K-8 school to strictly seventh - eighth grade use, the two south - of - 580 schools would be greatly affected.

It could result in busing of more

students from the two schools to facilities north of 580.

One of the plans for conversion aimed most recently would make Dublin a 7-8 school, just as Wells Intermediate is now. Donlon would become a K-6 facility.

Projected enrollments for each of the nine Murray schools through 1980 show Donlon increasing in enrollment and all others dropping—including Lydiksen.

Valley wisdom confirmed in court

A federal appellate court decision striking down aspects of Redwood City's political sign ordinance yesterday doesn't have any impact on local political sign ordinances, except to confirm their wisdom.

That's the conclusion after comments by Pleasanton City Attorney Ken Scheidig and his counterpart in Livermore, Robert Logan.

The court decision upheld a city's right to permit signs in residential areas, something which Redwood City tried to ban. It also upheld the city's right to set size limits on political signs in yards, though the limits are much larger than Livermore's political sign ordinance.

Redwood City's ban says that a political yard sign can cover as much as 16 square feet and total of all signs in a yard can be 80 square feet.

Originally a candidate or issue was allotted only 64 square feet total to be used throughout the whole city. None was permitted in residential zones and illegal signs could be removed without notice, according to the Redwood City statute.

Redwood City's time limit of 60 days prior to the election and 10 days afterward was not contested.

Scheidig noted that Pleasanton's only restriction on private lawn signs for political contests deals with the time period. The sign can go up

In fact, both Fallon and Cronin are dipping toward "closing" levels with the former expecting 287 students in September and Cronin 318.

Yet the district has future school sites both north and south of 580, the southerly one off Hopyard Road and in the Donlon area. The other is on Castillian in Dublin, the Dolan site which trustees hoped to build a seventh - eighth grade school on prior to defeat of a bond issue in March.

Donlon area residents are worried about the prospect of additional busing but more so by present facilities. Parent club leaders Ginni Lunger and Linda Cooley have pushed continually for a multi-purpose facility or moving of portables closer to permanent buildings.

Lydiksen, often the "forgotten" school in various options advanced, may windup having more students bused to north - of - 580 schools if conversion is approved.

Discussions on whether to convert or not will culminate starting with the CAC meeting of Sept. 1 at Fredericksen School.

— by Al Fischer

on the last day of filing for the office in question and come down on the seventh day after the election has occurred.

Logan said the appellate court decision is consistent with previous rulings on the topic. Free speech is paramount when it comes to political signs and the only reason a city could restrict it would be the public safety, for example, the notion that a yard sign could obscure vision for motorists approaching a corner.

Sigs can't be governed purely for aesthetic reasons, though cases over the years seem to be whittling away at that distinction, said Logan. The logic behind that trend is that the public may have some general advantage as a whole if there is some aesthetic regulation. It wouldn't be strong enough to overcome the First Amendment guarantees on political signs, Logan thought.

The appellate court ruling yesterday won't affect commercial signs; the issue litigated spoke only to political signs. Logan noted that Livermore's commercial sign regulations are based on safety and other considerations in the public good and he thinks they are on secure ground.

As to whether the size of Livermore's political signs might be contested, Logan said that so far there have been no changes and no one has challenged them.

Incorporation debate airs on Sunday

SAN RAMON — The San Ramon Valley incorporation debate will be aired on KKIS and KDFM at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15. It can be viewed on Walnut Creek Cable Channel 6 Monday, Aug. 16 and Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 8:30 p.m. San Ramon Valley residents can tune in on Moraga Cable Channel 6 Friday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 p.m.

The background and issues will be reviewed for 90 minutes in the form of a panel discussion.

Don Sledge, Chairman of Taxpayers for Local Control through Incorporation (TLC) and Claudia Nemir, Vice-Chairman of TLC will appear in support of Incorporation. The opposite viewpoint will be presented by Linda Johnson of the Valley Pioneer and Joan Jackson of the Tri-Valley News. Bruce Jensen, Program Director of KKIS - KDFM, will be the guest moderator.

New Pleasanton tree plan readied

"The first phase of 'Trees for Pleasanton' was a good start; but where do we go from here?"

That is the challenge confronting a committee of Pleasantonites which two years ago saw a unique opportunity to "restore this community's image as a setting of giant trees."

Local residents and former Pleasantonites responded with almost \$3,000 in contributions to that venture. The first order for London Plane Sycamores was placed, and in February of 1975, working under the guidance of municipal crews, the trees were planted.

A "progress report" submitted to the TFP steering committee this week indicates 143 trees planted along Hopyard Road, 48 to "fill in"

gaps along Valley Avenue; 26 new plantings on Santa Rita Road and another 26 on Foothill near the high school campus.

Eighteen months later, 217 of those trees are "doing very well. We lost 26 to vandals," adds Al Dutcher, director of the city's parks. A few additional trees should be replaced.

"But that is not a bad record for a new - tree program," Dutcher advised.

Now the committee is prepared to launch Phase Two of that program. A report is being filed with City Manager Wm. Edgar and the city council, and a request will be made for city crew cooperation in planting and watering another batch of new trees.

"We would particularly like to fill in the spaces along Main Street, in

areas where trees historically stood, but have been lost for one reason or another," explains Judge Wm. Gale. In addition to replacing lost or damaged trees, the committee also contemplates "continuing out along Santa Rita Road and possibly Hopyard Road, particularly in the area of the Youth Sports Park."

As soon as Phase Two of Trees for Pleasanton is firmed up, members of the community will again be invited to send in their contributions. A contribution of \$15 guarantees the purchase and cultivation of one tree.

In addition to Judge Gale, the TFP steering committee consists of John Stanley and John Edmonds. The committee's address is: Trees for Pleasanton, P.O. Box 188, Pleasanton, 94566.



Curtain going up

Flag-waving, tonsil-wagging and toe-tapping entertainment will dazzle opening night audiences tomorrow night in the musical "George M" at the

Pleasanton fairgrounds amphitheater. In lead roles are Sallieann Erickson, Paul Devore and Shawn Rice. See page 4 for more pictures.

Assembly gets race limit bill

Assemblywoman Pauline Davis has called a special meeting in the state capitol this afternoon that will touch on overlapping racing dates and their effect on county fair tracks.

Alameda County Fair secretary - manager Lee Hall will be among those Northern California fair managers present.

A bill that just breezed through the Senate governmental relations committee in amended form would limit racing to the present 34 weeks in Northern California and effectively eliminate any chance of

major track racing dates overlapping those of county fairs — such as the two-week fair racing season in Pleasanton.

Major tracks are purportedly in back of a move to increase the season to 40 weeks, which would bring major tracks such as Bay Meadows and Golden Gate Fields into competition with the much smaller fair circuit operations.

Authored by an Assemblyman Cullen of Long Beach, the bill will now go to the Senate finance committee after zipping

through governmental relations 8-0.

Directors of the County Fair Association were apprised of the bill by fellow director Jack Brooks, Fremont, at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Some confusion has surfaced since the bill is authored by a Southern California Assemblyman with the amended version being opposed, as of late Tuesday, by Western Fairs.

On other matters, Hall said he would set up a joint meeting of Fair directors with county counsel Richard Moore on legal aspects of the recent racing shutdown and picketing that severely cut into the Pleasanton fair's revenues.

Considered a "tax reform bill," it apparently

could pull county fairs such as Alameda from the jaws of Internal Revenue Service probes for additional tax monies.

According to a letter received by Hall from Senator John Tunney, all unrelated income (carnivals and horse racing) generated by Fairs would be taxable.

The IRS, according to Hall, is selecting fairs at

random and checking their books. He noted the instance of the Los Angeles County Fair, which is being checked back through 1963. The Sonoma County Fair in Santa Rosa apparently has been put on notice that its horse racing revenues back through '63 will be checked.

In LA's case, Hall commented, the Fair could be forced to make a \$2½ to \$3 million payment.

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The date has yet to be decided upon.

Legal committee members chaired by George Jacopetti, will convene just prior to the meeting with Moore.

Fair directors elected to hold off discussions of revenues and expenses for the 1976 Fair until a budget committee meeting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28.

Directors received an update on the lease agreement with the City of Pleasanton for operation of tennis courts in the Young California Building. The city will still pay \$2,400 a month, based on a 10-months average, to the Fair Association.

The race and finance committees of the Fair

board plan to consider a different setup in operation of horse barns and track training facilities.

In other business, directors

reported on funds available from current year capital improvement projects, learning that the top-priority Amador Livestock Pavilion will need \$120,000 more (from a state loan to be applied for) to cover the \$550,000 estimated cost of construction.

Salary increases for the Fair Association administration and staff were approved.

A barn rental report for June and July showed a net loss of \$78.15.

Brooks was appointed chairman of a committee to include William Gale and Bill Ralph to review the contract covering purse money.

H.J. Coburn of the Mor-

mon Pioneer Day Rodeo reported 5,500 attended the event at the Fairgrounds grandstand.

Sept. 10 was set as date for the annual Fair Directors' barbecue.

Jack Harrison, an import-export businessman residing in Castro Valley, was seated as the newest board member. He is an appointee of Supervisor Joseph Bort.

—by Al Fischer

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Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) — First Lady Betty Ford says she still practices her dancing when "nobody's looking."

Mrs. Ford struck a swan-like pose with a group of Alvin Ailey dancers Tuesday when she attended an opening-night tribute to the late Duke Ellington.

"I have a big bathroom with lots of mirrors and I practice there," Mrs. Ford told lead dancer Judith Jamison.

Water unit will draw ballot lines

The Livermore Amador Valley Water Management Agency (LAVWMA) will attempt to finalize tonight the precise language of a November ballot proposition that will ask valley residents to approve bonds to construct an effluent disposal pipeline.

The board has until Aug. 20 to submit its measure to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for consolidation with the general election.

How much the project will cost and how many measures will appear on the ballot remain to be decided.

LAVWMA project director Dan Murphy said yesterday it is still not known exactly how much the project will cost.

Earlier estimates were that the basic project, sized to handle 15.52 million gallons - per - day (mgd) would cost \$1.6 million to construct. The state and federal governments may pay as much as 87.5 percent of the cost.

But it is not clear what the local cost will be. Estimates have ranged from \$3 - to - \$9.6 million. That would translate to \$2.85 per month for Livermore residents, \$2.76 per month for Pleasanton residents and \$2.82 per month for residents of Valley Community Services District.

In addition, since the State Water Resources Board essentially has refused to pay. For the additional industrial capacity (4.1 mgd) requested by Livermore and Pleasanton, voters must approve bonds to pay for that capacity in the pipeline.

It is not known either how much that would cost Livermore and Pleasanton residents.

The board also must decide whether to place one measure on the ballot for the entire pipeline (19.62 mgd), or two measures (one for the basic project and one in Livermore and Pleasanton for the additional industrial capacity).

LAVWMA needs to secure voter approval this election if it is to keep on its tight schedule leading to pipeline construction in February, 1978.

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hearings on the increase, but I didn't get one response."

In a departure from traditional conservative thought, Allen admitted that there is no alternative at the present to public subsidy of the system. He doubts the system can be sustained only by those who pay the fares.

Allen reiterated his argument — one he has been pushing for some time — that the downtown San Francisco property owners who are realizing increased profits from BART should be assessed more heavily.

"The benefits to the city core land were taxed more to help pay for the

benefits they derive from the transit system, then there would be no need to go back to the taxpayers at large," Allen said, referring to the half-cent sales tax earmarked for BART.

"For BART to be economically rational," Allen said, "we must keep it going, trying to run the system and cover out-of-pocket costs with out-of-pocket revenues if at all possible," Allen said.

In certain cases, he said, it would be preferable to run the system with a deficit to encourage use. Allen thinks BART could easily handle two times its present load. There are plans to reduce the headway between trains during peak hours from six minutes to two minutes.

The iceman winneth

PLEASANTON — Loren Medeiros won approval to keep his large ice machine on Main Street, provided he decorates it with wood shake siding to make it "the most attractive ice machine in the Bay Area" Monday night.

The city council split 3-2 in granting him the permission. Council members William Herlihy and Joyce LeClaire voted against the machine because they felt that despite the shake covering, the large structure would spoil the heritage look which past city councils have tried to cultivate on Main Street.

Herlihy cited past city council actions where the gas station on St. Mary and Main streets was denied expansion, the First Street Shell Station was denied permission to expand next door, and for traffic reasons a gas station was turned down on Hopyard

years to complete other sidewalk repairs. The machine will be moved from its current location near Main Street to a point near the northeast corner of the Pleasanton Liquors parking lot adjacent to the Chevron station next door.

Don't lay the general plan on me," said Councilman Ken Mercer. "I've only been on the council since April." Mercer and Frank Brandes wanted a two-year permit for the ice machine, but agreed to extend it to four years at Mayor Robert Philcox's suggestion.

Medeiros will have to make immediate sidewalk and curb repairs near the property and will have two

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Healthy homes cure the mentally ill

By REINA WHITNEY

Where exactly is the mind? The inability to answer such a basic question has frustrated efforts to uncover the roots of mental illness to this day. Mental illness is perhaps the most baffling and probably the oldest of human afflictions.

Yet, according to a release from the California Medical Association, as many as one out of seven adults between the ages of 18 and 74 suffer from some form of mental depression — the most common form of mental illness.

The report goes on to say that "less than five per cent of those needing medical help are receiving it through psychiatric treatment facilities, although many can be treated as outpatients."

Depression becomes a medical problem when it prevents a person from carrying out his normal activities. Withdrawal, agitation, insomnia, lack of appetite, irrational suspicion of others and suicidal inclinations characterize medical depression.

Most cases of depression can be treated effectively, California Medical Association notes, with patients able "to again face life without being dominated by depressive feelings."

Locally the Society of California Carehome Operators is an organization which is answering this all-important need.

Florence and Frank Ruskey of Gardella Drive in Dublin, are carehome operators. They describe their operation as a "kind of foster home care for the mentally ill, giving them a chance to again become self-sufficient in a family home environment and incorporating them back into the community under the watchful eye of people who care about their progress and well-being."

Sometimes removing the mentally ill person from the source of his depression is all he needs to help him on the road to recovery, according to Florence Ruskey.

Too many people feel that a mentally ill person is always violent and hesitate to help in this very special way. But, according to leading experts, violence is not particularly characteristic of mental illness. When it does occur, it is not usually directed against others, but takes the form of depression and suicide.

The Ruskeys have had three women within the last year as "guests" of their home, and have never had trouble with any of them.

One of the women was able to go back to her family, while another, a 39-year-old school teacher, who lived with them for four months, found better success moving to another state. She has successfully regained her teaching status and is again living a constructive and fulfilling life.

Members of SOCCO (Society of Carehome Operators) must be trained, approved, certified and licensed before they are able to receive a mentally ill patient into their homes.

The Ruskeys have three children (Julie, 14, Mike, 11, and Vera, 5) and had to bring their house up to the State standards required by SOCCO. The part-time residents they accept must each have their own room. The Ruskeys had to have an exit door placed in one of the bed rooms, at their own expense, because of a fire regulation.

Florence and Frank Ruskey are not in this dedicated work for the money. Their modest home typifies their lifestyle — of hard working, loving people, anxious to help those less fortunate.

When Florence was a young child she lived next door to a family who was caring for a mentally ill patient. This contact, at a young age, helped her to become aware of how important the personal touch was in treating the mental patient, as opposed to the impersonal care of the hospital.

Florence has thoroughly involved her husband and her children in this work. Frank is now the chairman of the grievance committee for SOCCO in which he tries to provide better services for the people living in the SOCCO homes and facilities and to promote better communications between the homes and the administrators.

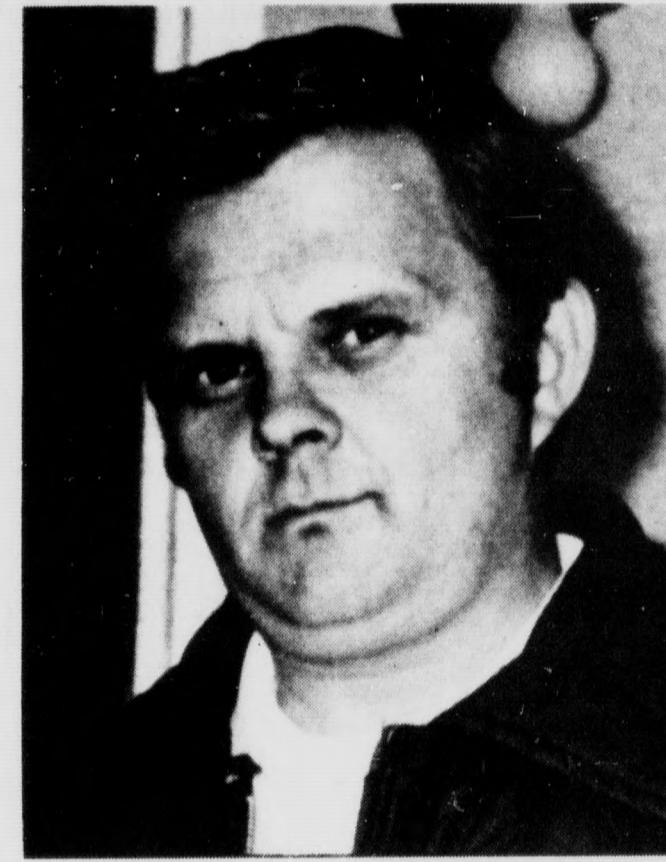
Their children have had to respect the right and privacy of the person living with them. All of them, including their guest, are expected to lend a hand with the housekeeping duties. The person living with them is given as much freedom as possible, with supervision. He or she can cook, go shopping, move about freely and take on as much responsibility as comfortable with. They are interviewed before they enter a home, and must like the homeowners and their families who, in turn, must like them.

Florence Ruskey believes that all SOCCO operators are performing an important civic function. By relieving the constant nursing care of hospitals and the necessary upkeep of the expensive institutions, they are saving the taxpayers countless expenses every year. But more important than that to Florence Ruskey, is the tremendous benefit these people derive from the family climate of the SOCCO homes. No longer locked up and made to feel worthless and unwanted, the guest of the SOCCO home is led to believe that he has only a temporary illness that is indeed curable.

SOCCO offers an excellent alternative to hospitalization not necessary in all cases of mental illness. Although it has been in existence since 1969, many people are not aware that this service is available in Alameda County. Eighty-two vacancies currently exist within licensed, certified homes, ready and available for mental care. This includes care, for not only the classic victim of the "nervous breakdown," but for the mentally retarded and the mentally disoriented as well.



Florence and Frank Ruskey of Dublin have made the mentally ill welcome as guests in their home, helping them to again become self-sufficient members of the community through the Society of California Carehome Operators.



LARPD anticipates Christmas bazaar

Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, sponsor of the annual Community Christmas Bazaar, has recently mailed letters to 44 local community groups to ask for confirmation of their participation in the popular Nov. 12-13 event.

Chairmen of groups who normally participate in the bazaar are asked to contact the LARPD office at 71 Trevarno Rd., 447-7300, with confirmation. Groups should also supply the name, address and telephone number of the member who will be the contact with LARPD.

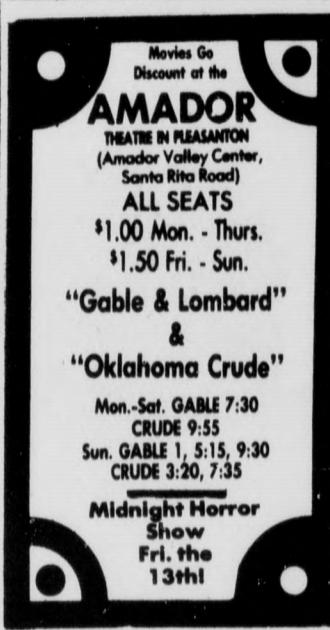
Sept. 15 is the deadline.

Hawaiian duo sings tonight

Special entertainment is planned for tonight's meeting of the Livermore Valley Folk Music Club at the Unitarian Fellowship House, 4260 First St., Livermore.

The Bennett Brothers will perform on the Hawaiian electric guitar at 8 p.m. They were professional musicians in Missouri and Illinois before moving to Livermore 20 years ago.

The public is invited to bring an instrument and play country, western or bluegrass music. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For information call Mary Singleton at 462-1496.



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Watering how-to for healthy turf

EDITOR'S NOTE: This article is the second of two about the wise and correct ways to irrigate your precious landscape plantings, especially important during periods of drought.

By JEAN MCKENNA

Is your turf a water guzzler, requiring a drink daily or even twice daily? Does your lawn have brownish patches that will not respond no matter how much you water?

The combination of rising water rates and an unusually dry year add up to concern about the conservation of water. Jacqueline Williams, a horticulturist at Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, offers some expert advice on lawn irrigation — advice that could save you time and money.

"It is most important to train your lawn to develop deep roots so that it will require water less frequently and be better able to survive in hot weather," says Jacqueline. "Coastal valley lawns, those in our area, require between 1 1/2 to 2 inches of water per week."

You may not be able to

give your lawn its weekly allowance of water all at once, warns Jacqueline. Turf should be watered at intervals determined by many conditions such as temperature, wind, drainage and sprinkler efficiency.

Study the following directions for proper lawn irrigation:

• It's time to irrigate when the imprint of a footprint remains for several minutes, and the grass turns a dark green. Daily irrigation is not needed, and may cause invasion of weeds and diseases, yellowing, root loss, and other problems.

• If your lawn is accustomed to a lot of water, daily irrigation for example, gradually stretch the interval between waterings in small increments until it receives 1 1/2 to 2 inches of water per week. "Don't do anything drastic!" cautions Jacqueline.

• Irrigate early in the morning when disease hazard and wind are less, grass is not in use, and water pressure is high and stable. Evening irri-

gation encourages fungus diseases in warm weather.

• Turn off water supply to the lawn as soon as you notice run-off. Suppose your sprinkler delivers one inch of water in half an hour, but you notice run-off after only ten minutes of operation? Operate the sprinkler for ten minutes (three intervals will add up to half an hour) allowing enough time for the soil to completely absorb the water before turning the sprinkler on again.

• In lawns planted over soil that was not conditioned or has become compacted, application of chemical penetrant will improve

the soil's ability to absorb water. After initial treatments, you will be able to use the penetrant less frequently (perhaps twice a year).

• A good fall project is the removal of thatch build-up in older lawns to improve water penetration. "Grass clippings which are not caught or raked up form a mat which actually repels water," says Jacqueline. "Water will simply run off the lawn surface, while the roots get no water at all."

• Aerating the lawn with hollow tools that remove a small plug of soil is another solution where there is poor water penetration. Do NOT attempt

to poke holes in the lawn with a solid instrument, since this will compact the soil even more.

• Test your sprinkler efficiency by placing cans to catch the water at various distances from sprinkler heads, and measure the amount of water that falls in each area. Adjust the application rate or distance between sprinkler heads to correct uneven distribution of water.

For a free copy of the leaflet "Irrigating at Home," available through the Cooperative Extension of the University of California, write to: IRRIGATING, Box 1629 N, Richmond, Calif., 94802.

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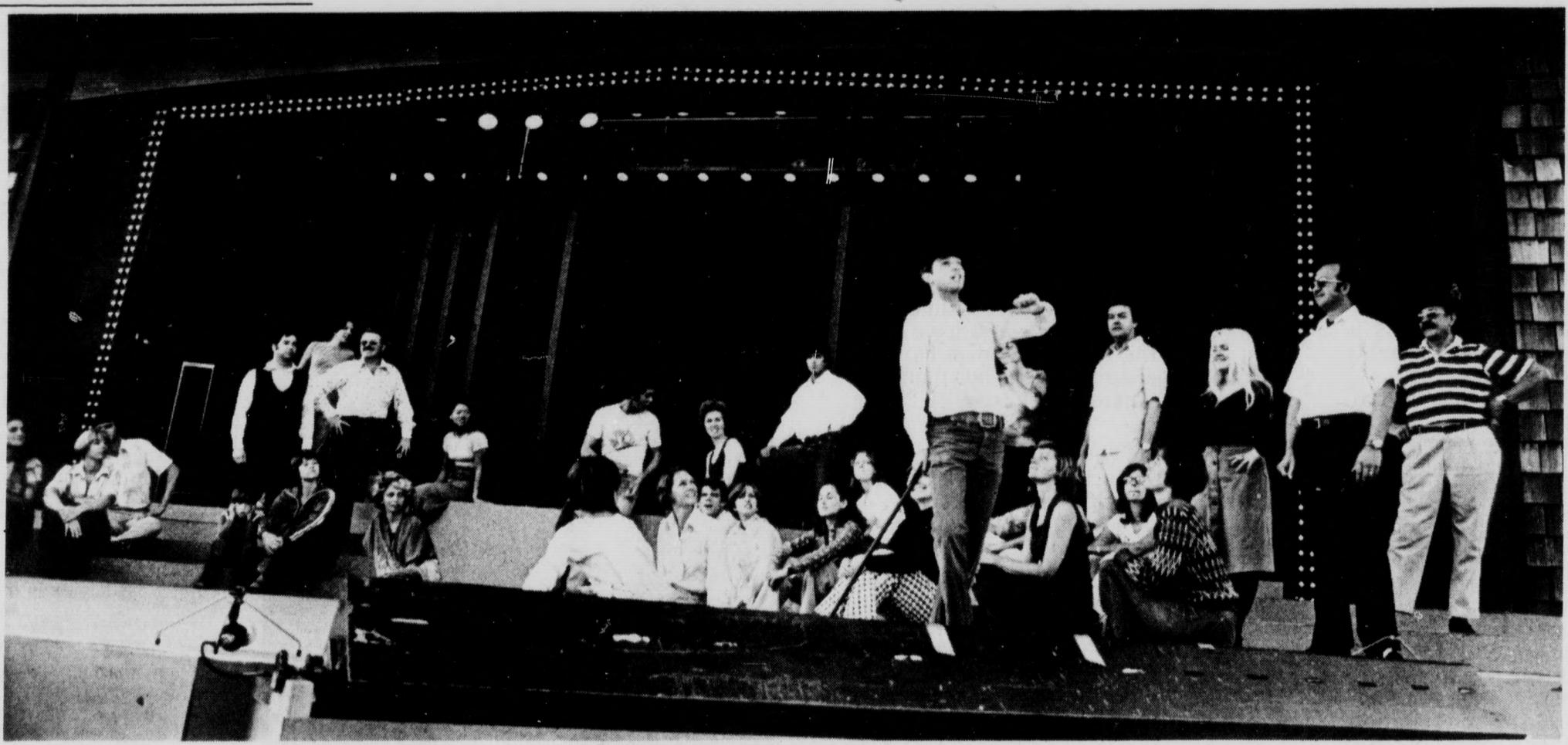
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GEORGE WHO?

George M. Cohan, that's who! reappears the cocky narrator of the musical production 'George M' which opens tomorrow night at the fairgrounds amphitheater.

'Give My Regards to Broadway!'

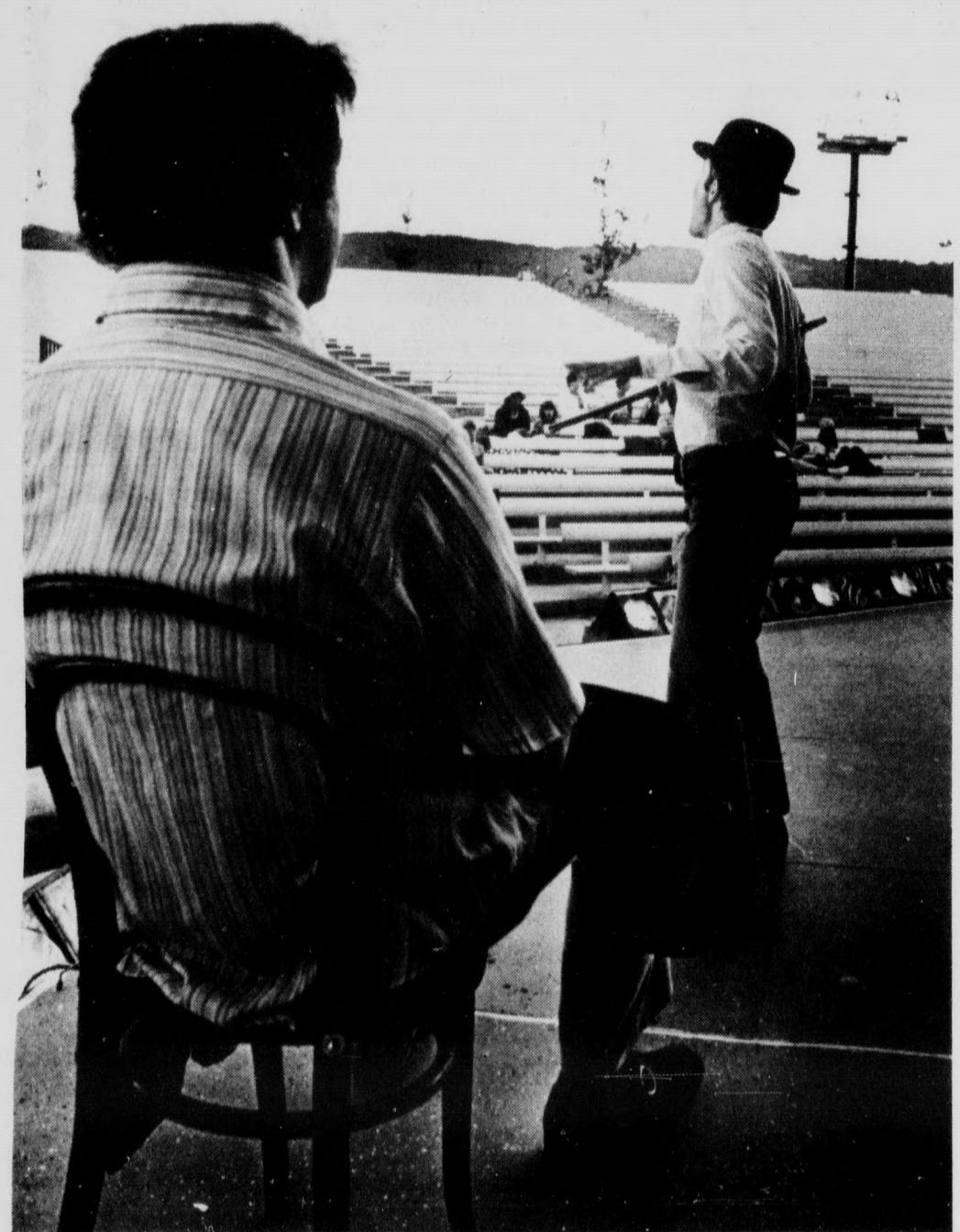
By JEAN MCKENNA

Don't be disappointed if you saw the television version of "George M" with Actor Joel Grey. The Pleasanton Playhouse version, now in final rehearsal, promises to be an upbeat, exhilarating experience with emphasis on the exciting music of George M. Cohan.

From the beginning, Director Glenn DuBose of Chabot College understood the play's tendency to become a downer. The great George M. Cohan became bitter towards the end of his life—but that doesn't make his music or his personality less exciting.

The potential for a robust and sentimental show is found in such musical selections as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Mary" and "Give My Regards to Broadway." Special features of the Pleasanton Playhouse production include an appearance by the Concord Blue Devils marching corps, a variety of Vaudevillian acts (a dog act, ventriloquist, contortionist and feat of darning), sparklers and red-white-and-blue footlights.

Performances Aug. 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21 begin at 8:30 at the Alameda County Fairgrounds Amphitheater (bring your winter coats). Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students, with tickets available through the Pleasanton Recreation Department on Bernal Avenue.



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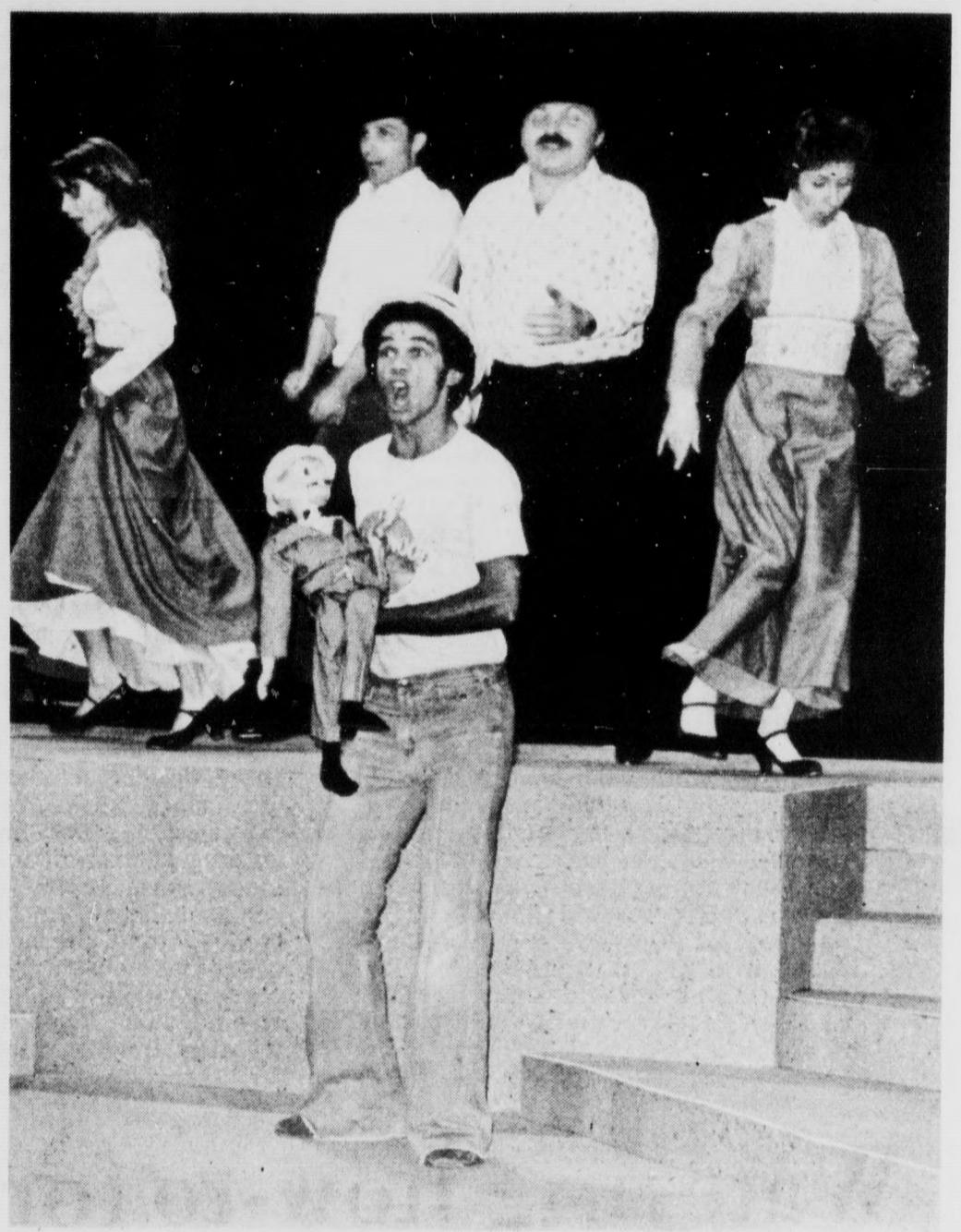
The musical production rises or falls on the fortunes (and the acting ability) of George M. Cohan played by Paul DeVore who is onstage for nearly every scene. He's great!



BEHIND THE SCENES

In between exhausting musical numbers, Vocal Director Pat Warden relaxes with her knitting while her husband bides his time through the long rehearsals with a novel.

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'ALL ABOARD FOR BROADWAY'

The frenzied pace of life in the glare of Broadway footlights is painted in an exhilarating scene featuring Ventriloquist Paul Del Vecchio.

Photos by Mike Macor



HE'S A YANKEE DOODLE DANDY
Cast in a role immortalized by Jimmie Cagney, Paul DeVore as George M. Cohan sparkles in a characterization all his own set against the background of a shining company.

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2-Bullwinkle
3-Today
5-Capt. Kangaroo
7-13-Good Morning America
9-Mister Rogers
40-Speed Racer

8:30 A.M.

2-Romper Room
9-Villa Alegre
40-Lassie

9:00 A.M.

2-Flying Nun
3-Tattletales
4-Sanford and Son
5-Left, Right and Center
40-Flintstones

9:30 A.M.

2-That Girl
3-Kids' Sweepstakes Show
10-Price Is Right
13-Morning Scene
36-Yoga for Health
40-Love Lucy

10:00 A.M.

2-Movies:
Mon: "Stagecoach to Dancers"
Tues: "Taggart"
Wed: "The Silent Enemy"
Thurs: "The Diary of Anne Frank" Part I
Fri: "The Diary of Anne Frank" Part II

3-4-Wheel of Fortune

5-Gamblin
9-Electric Company
36-Bingo
Mon: "War of the Planets"
Tues: "The Arizonian"
Wed: "The Crystal Ball"
Thurs: "Buckskin Frontier"
Fri: "Mutiny"

40-Movies:
Mon: "Rancho Notorious"
Tues: "Behold a Pale Horse"
Wed: "Stage Struck"
Thurs: "The Young Stranger"
Fri: "The Shocking Miss Pill-gram"

10:30 A.M.

3-4-Hollywood Squares
5-10-Love of Life
7-13-Happy Day
9-To Be Announced

11:00 A.M.

3-Fun Factory
4-Somerset
5-10-Young and the Restless
7-13-Hot Seat
44-Not For Women Only

11:30 A.M.

3-Gong Show
5-10-Search for Tomorrow
7-13-Family Feud
44-Newstalk

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2-Bonanza
3-4-10-\$20,000 Pyramid
36-Mon: "Wake Up and Kill"
Tues: "Son of Sinbad"
Wed: "Vengeance of Kali"
Thurs: "The Silver Queen"
Fri: "Revenge of the Mercenaries"
40-Dick Van Dyke
44-Lean It to Beaver

12:30 P.M.

3-5-Tattletales
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36-Mon: "The Great American Pastime"
Tues: "Billie"
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Fri: "Duke Joe"
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44-Three Stooges

1:00 P.M.

2-Movies:
Mon: "Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number"
Tues: "Eagle Squadron"
Wed: "Bachelor Flat"
Thurs: "King of the Wild Horses"
Fri: "Saturday's Children"
7-13-One Life to Live

10-Movies:
Mon: "La Dolce Vita" Part I
Tues: "La Dolce Vita" Part II
Wed: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Part I
Thurs: "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" Part II
Fri: "Boccaccio '70"

1:30 P.M.

3-4-The Doctors
5-10-Guiding Light
7-13-One Life to Live

2:00 P.M.

3-4-Another World
5-10-In the Family
7-13-\$20,000 Pyramid
36-Mike Douglas

2:15 P.M.

7-13-General Hospital

2:30 P.M.

5-10-Match Game

3:00 P.M.

2-Bugs and Popeye

3-Days of Our Lives
4-Cross-Wits
5-Tattletales
7-13-Edge of Night
10-Dinah!
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7:00 P.M.

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Palmer to handle Alameda kicking

HAYWARD — Former Livermore High School quarterback Rich Palmer will do the kicking for the Alameda County All-Stars against Contra Costa Saturday night at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

Alameda held its first heavy scrimmage Tuesday at Cal-State Hayward here.

Gary Lewis of Berkeley, Alan Regier of Mt. Eden and Sean Sullivan of Mission San Jose were named as co-captains for the Alameda All-Stars.

Lewis was one of the East Bay's best prep linebackers last season. Regier was an outstanding all-around quarterback and led Mt. Eden to the Hayward Area Athletic League championship. Sullivan was a hard-charging fullback for the Mission Valley Athletic League champions.

Arnold leads bowlers

Bill Arnold stood out in a mass of fine efforts at the Granada Bowl last week.

Arnold roll games of 233 and 256 off his 166 average to total 660 in the Post Office League. In the same league, streaking Dan Hosmer soared to a 650 set on the strength of games of 244 and 243.

Dennis Fannuchi steadily improved in each game to roll a four-game set of 860 in the Men's Classic. His high game was a 257 while Steve Gordon topped the Guys and Dolls loop with a 221-619.

In the Men's Handicap Jubilee Fours, Ray Hirshfield nailed down an American Bowling Congress Century Club award, rolling over 100 pins above his average. His 244 game just got him in over his 143 average.

Frank Castro just missed a Century award in the same league when he rolled a career-high 223.

Barbara Hildebrand led women bowlers with a 224-596 in the Swingers League. Youth Stars of the week were Renelda Lechner, Eric Nordseth, Rick Gurtz, Sandy Young, Richard Davis, Cathy Clarfaglio, Mark McCreary, Linda Fanucchi.

GRANADA BOWL RESULTS
Jessie Beck's Reno — B. Kowalsky, 219-567; Bette Baxter, 195-483.

Jessie Beck's Early Reno — Ed McElveen, 226-605; Shirley Henningsen, 184-478.

Sunday Swoopers — Stan Rutherford, 233-578; Dale Davis, 195-540.

Senior Citizens — Len Redding, 188-552; Jane Lee, 200-520.

Olympia Drywall — Bill Spence, 204-553; Kate McKinney, 179-482.

Monday Mixers — M. Vagasea, 195-508; Ann Wilkes, 177-450.

Jubilee Fours — Mel Swafford, 212-270; Len McGuire, 202-760.

Men's Classic Jubilee Fours — Dennis Fanucchi, 257-860; Bob Fanucchi, 216-809.

Women's Late Handicap — Maura Scott, 476; Sandy Pajoc, 456.

Swingers — Barbara Hildebrand, 596; Bill Bookler, 553.

Thermopics — Reggie Soto, 541; Margo Soto, 533.

Caratti — D. Dutton, 531; M. Dutcher, 453.

Blue Chip Trio — Jane Lee, 502; Pat Padilla, 522.

Blue Chip Four — Jane Kloth, 486; Ginger Hastings, 476.

Cocktail League — Al Ware, 558; B. Booker, 570.

Nancy's Gang — Reggie Stockbridge, 581; Jim Buchanan, 569.

Pin Scramblers — Ken Gerte, 482; M. Nodlinski, 455.

Post Office — Dan Hasner, 244-243-163-650; B. Arnold, 171-233-256-660.

Value Giant — Phyllis Magenast, 524; Pat Torres, 453.

Invitational — Ellen Theis, 534; A. Barsotti, 512.

Alpha Beta — B. Luccero, 516; D. Caldwell, 521.

Lazy Loafers — Patty Griffith, 453; Rachell Jobe, 482.

Mixed Classic Jubilee Fours — John Casella, 746; Dennis Fanucchi, 742.

Calamity Janes — Nancy Freeman, 512; Gloria Burgdol, 456.

Guys and Dolls — Bob Anderson, 559; Steve Gordon, 456.

221-212-180-619.



Going for first

John Mesner rides his motorcycle through a stripe of the Carnegie Cycle Park raceway in preparation for today's Police Olympics moto-cross competition at the park. Competition starts at 10 a.m. 14 events will be held and 65 drivers are entered.

(Times photo by Gary Brown)

Expos rout Giants, 9-3

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Expos erupted for six runs in the sixth inning against three San Francisco pitchers and Woodie Fryman scattered nine hits as the Expos defeated the Giants 9-3 Wednesday night.

Wayne Garrett singled to open the sixth and went to second on a sacrifice by Ellis Valentine, who was safe when catcher Mike Sadek's throw drew Gary Thomasson off the bag.

Larry Parrish singled in a run and Tim Foli followed with a two-run double to open a 5-1 lead.

Del Unser then singled for a run off reliever Mike McDowell and Gary Carter slammed a triple over first base for the fifth run of the inning.

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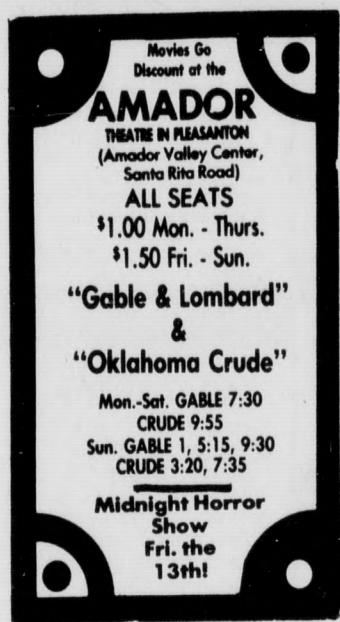
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Foothill Boosters dug conduit lines as part of lights-bleachers project.



Funds for football

The Amador Valley Joint High School District has expended \$5,647 from community service funds to date in support of the Foothill High School athletic complex.

testing for construction), another \$1,634.61 would swell the total to \$7,281.61.

Architectural fees for site development master planning has taken \$1,645 and a contract for football field lighting was awarded for \$4,965.39. Architectural fees for the lighting project amounted to \$300, OSA plan check fees \$300, design and specification reproduction \$161.61 and a survey by Creegan and D'Angelo \$220.

Adding in costs projected through completion (architectural, district inspector,

Architectural fees on embankment bleachers is projected at \$1,231.25, reproduction of drawings and specifications \$99.05, and a survey by Creegan and D'Angelo \$424.50, for an additional \$1,754.80 and a grand total of \$10,681.41.

The base bid for the lighting project, by Gould Electric, was for \$48,293. The Booster Club contributed \$3,500 and is currently holding a sweepstakes raffle and numerous other fund-raisers to pay for the bleachers and other facets of the total complex.

Games, a cake walk, pony rides, raffles and food stalls will be there for young and old.

The "Bicentennial Safari" group have been trying to raise money since late spring to finance a trip to Washington, D.C., Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Williamsburg and other spots. The trip will be financed by the students' individual families and by the money the students have earned through various fundraisers.

The trip is sponsored by the Livermore Unified School District and the Bicentennial Committee. Participating students took a five-week summer course in pre-Revolutionary history.

Participants were picked by lottery from among those whose parents promised to pay the bill.

More info asked on reductions

Lesher News Bureau
More details regarding budget cuts in the county public works department have been demanded by a Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' committee.

Public Works Director Vernon Cline was asked to tell the board's administration and finance committee how he would cut employees.

He, like other county department heads, had been asked to supply the committee with estimates of how much money must be removed from the proposed department budget to effect reductions of 1, 3 and 5 per cent.

Ballot may carry charter drop plan

Alameda County Bureau

OAKLAND — Voters will be given the option of dropping the county's 50-year-old charter and reverting to general law if county supervisors move ahead with plans to place a repeal measure on the November ballot.

The board voted 4-0 this week to give voters that option, but reserved the right to drop the ballot measure if displeased with a personnel ordinance currently being drafted by the county's civil service commission.

The commission two years ago opposed a similar charter repeal move that was defeated 124,000 to 110,500, but so far has taken no stand on this year's effort.

Supervisors may pull the ballot measure if they feel there is no support from the civil service commission, county employees or the charter review committee.

"We may decide it's not worth it to go out and get beaten again," said board chairman Fred Cooper, who has supported repeal. Agreements on the personnel ordinance must be reached first, he said, so that the charter review committee can campaign for repeal.

Supervisors Joseph Bort and Charles Santana, who moved and seconded the motion to make repeal a ballot measure, seemed unenthused about the prospect.

"It isn't essential," said Bort. "A lot of counties operate under charters."

Santana said he did not feel strongly "one way or the other."

North county supervisor Tom Bates has been in favor of repeal.

A preliminary look at the personnel ordinance will be available next week, the board was told, with further reports and a rough draft later this month.

They're building again

PLEASANTON — The drought in new housing starts that brought this city to the zero level in June, came to a abrupt end in July with permits issued for 41 new dwellings. It was the second biggest month in an otherwise "soft" year of construction activity.

One new multiple complex was started in July, just the third launched in 1976. Three commercial permits were issued for a total of just under \$3 million in that category, including \$2.5 million for Ramada Inn on Hopyard Road.

Single family home starts now total 130 through the first seven months of 1976. There has been no let up in backyard pools, with over 80 of those started so far this year.

Also booming along is the "alteration and repair" department wherein over 250 home owners have undertaken to expand or improve their residence, just in the last seven months.

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Safari's last big benefit

LIVERMORE — A group of 40 junior high students representing local intermediate and high schools will hold one last big community fund-raiser in an all-out effort to earn money for their September "Bicentennial Safari" to the east coast.

The fundraiser will be a big carnival at The Barn (off South Livermore Avenue), 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug 21.

Games, a cake walk, pony rides, raffles and food stalls will be there for young and old.

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7 days	\$14.70	7 days	\$19.60

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	5 p.m. Fri. for Sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. Lost & Found

FOUND: Kitten gray, b&w tiger stripes. 443-7109.

FOUND: Vic. of Arlington Dr. Please, sm. Maltese, shaggy black, grey & white, male. 7729, 846-1084.

LOST: Male cat, grey black stripes, white flea collar bell. Mississ. Park 579, Pleasanton, CA 94566. All replies confidential.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

MAYFIELD Janitorial Service, middle age couple preferred. 443-5604

NURSEY SCHOOL Employment, sm. classes, country like atmosphere. Training & exper. required. 828-7975.

SALES PERSON & INVESTIGATOR, Bay area & Sacramento. Exceptional earnings. Shaw Investigation, call 828-5111.

TELE. SEC., mat., woman with exp. to part. app'ts. for Ins. Co. etc. 828-1167. Plumbing, crptry, furnace cleaning, repair & install appli. etc. 828-4334.

GENERAL CARPENTRY, Remodel, Repairs, patios, no job too small. Sam, 828-1826.

HATE your alarm clock? Hire your own personal alarm wake up service. Immediate and reliable. 846-9101.

HOUSE CLEANING, windows, walls, glass, special rates. Reasonable. 443-6894, 443-6914.

JIM ROBLES ROTOTILLING, Reasonable, Free Estimate. 828-3747

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POOL OWNERS: ERS has the most efficient LOW COST solar panel on the market. For estimate call Ken Churchill, 865-0054. Investigate then decide.

SEE OUR BUSINESS & SERVICE GUIDE We have specialists to service your every need.

YARD CLEANING & TRASH REMOVAL, free estimates. Call 829-1986.

11. Building Services

PLASTERING & SANDBLASTING Lath and color coat. Free estimates. 228-2121 or 439-5525.

13. Garden Service

GARDENING Weeding, trimming, maintenance, & hauling. Free estimates. 447-0819.

INSTRUCTION

24. Instruction

PIANO INSTRUCTION Classical & Jazz 25 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Call 829-3178

PIANO TEACHER just moved to Pleasanton. Call 462-2601 to register for fall lessons.

28. Licensed Nursery Schools

JENSEN STREET NURSERY SCHOOL, warm family style atmosphere, ages 24 mos. to 7 yrs. hrs. 6:30-6 p.m. \$95 a month. Structured educational program from 9 to 12 Sept. June, open year-round, call for more info. 443-7486.

35. Work Wanted

TWO UNEMPLOYED HUSBANDS will clean out garages & do hauling. Call 443-6004 or 455-1926.

Would like to babysit! Hourly or weekly, call 443-9635.

38. Pets & Services

AFGHAN PUPPIES 6 weeks, AKC Champion lines, call 829-1249.

BLACK LAB PUPS \$35 A PIECE CALL 443-3947

DOBERMAN, pups, 8 1/2 wks., 2 males, champ line, shots, \$75 up. 443-9270.

FREE to good home, 2 female kittens, 10 weeks old, all shots, 447-2793.

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START YOUR DAY WITH

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40. Supplies & Services

WHEAT STRAW by the bale, 90¢, \$1.00, \$1.25. Call (209) 951-2949 or 477-0420.

MERCHANDISE

41. Fresh Fruits & Veggies.

PEARS NUMBER 1 BARTLETT'S 15¢ a lb. Bring own containers. Corner of Fairview & Apricot Way, Brentwood, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 31 thru Aug. 16. 634-4176.

44. Photo Supplies

BESLER P-22 Analyzer, CCP filters, Process Tube & Unicom 1212 calculator, all new. 846-3919

46. Appliances

WASHER DRYER Westinghouse, \$350. Excel. cond. 846-9765.

47. Home Furnishings

BEDS BEDS BEDS Brand new irregulars from 4 Bay Area factories. 100' 2 in stock. We guarantee no internal damage.

MISMATCH

Twin sets \$39. Mattress \$30. MATCHED SETS

Twin sets \$49. Full sets \$59. Queen \$99. King \$110. Many others too numerous to list. Open weekdays 12-8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday 10-5. Closed Tuesday, 10-12. Galindo. Concord. 676-5026.

MATTRESS BROKERS

DEATH IN FAMILY forces a sale of 2 month old furniture, no reasonable offer refused. 785-1893.

EARLY AMERICAN sofa, brown tweed, 4 yrs. old, \$95. Maple end & coffee table, \$75, hand made solid Mahogany baby cradle, (up to 25 lbs.), \$65. green rocking chair, \$40. 443-1599 after 6 p.m.

KING, size bed, frame, box springs, foam mattress \$75 846-4868.

RECLINER, sofa bed, end tables, twin beds, chest, lamps, washing machine, Sears, 846-8015.

SOFA SLEEPER Kroehler, like new, turquoise, \$175. 846-1174.

30 x 60 SOLID OAK DESK, for s/s. U-haul, 443-9239 or 455-1500.

8 ft. SOFA, matching chair, gold pattern. \$150. 443-0828.

48. Articles for Sale

BDRM. SET, French Prov. \$325. Dinette set, 7 piece, swivel chairs, \$250. 7 ft. multi-color gold sofa, \$200. 26 gal. show aquarium, complete, \$85. 447-9554.

DECORATED CAKES

Well do any design. STOCKINGS BAKERY, 2020 1st St. Livermore. 447-0101. LIBERTY HOUSE, Dublin, 828-8600, ext. 444.

GAR. SALE: something for everyone, cable spools, household items, clothes, plants, furniture. Aug. 12-14, 9-5 p.m. 318 Martin Ave., Liver.

McCurley FLOOR COVERING

Carpet Linoleum Tile 7022 Village Parkway, Dublin Lic. No. 275231 FREE ESTIMATES 828-9660

GARAGE SALE: Magnus organ, women's bike, plants, sewing mach., furn., misc. items. Aug. 12, 13, & 14th, 10-4 p.m., 2266 Norwood Rd., Liver.

GARAGE SALE, 2179 Fossawall Rd., Pleas., 8/13, 14, 10 a.m. 5 pm., misc. items.

GARAGE SALE, multi-fam. fp., toys, tires, chairs, lots of etc. Fri. Sat. 9-3pm. 3031 Pine Valley Rd. S.R.

GARAGE SALE, 8/13, 14, 15, 9 am. 3 Oakhill - Foothill Rd. Pleas. 7707 Olive Dr. misc. antiques, furn., Avon col., boutique items.

GARAGE SALE: Dinette set, mowers, toys, appl., crib, chair, 2704 Turnstone, Pleas. Sat. & Sun., 10-4 p.m.

GARAGE SALE: Sat. only 9-4 p.m. motorcycle parts, car parts, misc. hhd. items. 7738 Conter Ct. off Sunwood, Dublin.

GARAGE SALE, Furn., lamps, tires, mags, misc. 8/14, 15, 9 am to 5 p.m., 4532 Harper Ct., Pleas., Val Vista area.

GARAGE SALE: Antique bathtub, cpt. remnants, linoleum, men's Pendleton shirts (X-L). Sat. 8/14, 9-5 pm, 7170 Hansen, Dub. 829-5264.

GIGANTIC Garage Sale: All items must go, camper, 55 gal. fish tank, kit, set, beds, pool table much more. 573 Tiff Pl., Liver. 8/13, 14, 9am to 7pm.

MOVING SALE, Furn., appl., bikes, odds n ends. 828-0411.

MOVING, Antiques, upright walnut piano & bench, inlay wood bdrm. set, oak desk & chair. 447-2849 after 6 p.m.

NEW 9x12 tent, \$65. New Coleman stove & teffon grill \$25. Craft MRC radio 5 ch., \$65. 447-9450.

PORTABLE dishwasher, like new. \$125. 6 ft. metal kitchen cabinet. \$22. 829-5378.

STORE FIXTURES used peg board wall & floor sections. Asking \$2500 for lot. 829-1003.

SWIM TEAM, Garage Sale, everything imaginable. 8/14, 15, 9am to 4PM. 9419 Cherryhill Lane, San Ramon.

48. Articles for Sale

WORM GROWERS, a rare bargain. 6 large beds, ready to harvest. Call for information 443-9477.

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FINANCIAL

61. Business Opps.

DUBLIN RETAIL STORES OR EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Several prime locations available. Priv. offices \$125 mo. incl. util.

LANGE-HILDE

828-6900

FOR LEASE, Offices or store space, in attractive downtown Pleasanton building. Air conditioned, Main street, four available. From \$130 to \$285 mo.

CENTURY 21-MARL GROVE

20394 San Miguel, Castro Valley. Coffee & Donuts. Thurs. Evening

ICE CREAM candy, gift shop for sale, call 462-4122 between 10-3 p.m.

72. Industrial, Commercial for Rent

PEAS.. New Adobe Plaza, space is still available.

LIVER.. Medical building, suite, 8-9 rooms, 120 sq. ft.

A & B PROPERTIES

3730 HOYARD RD.

846-8119

77. Share Rentals

LIVER.. Mature man to share home, \$175 mo. including all utilities.

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78. Duplexes for Rent

DUPLEX, CUTE & CLEAN, 2 BDRM., QUIET STREET, \$170 A MO., LIV. 828-8958, AVAIL. AUG. 15.

LIV.. 3 bdrm., 2 bdrm., near Rad. Lab., \$285. Avail., 8-15, 443-4309.

79. Townhouses (Rent)

LIVERMORE 2 bdrm., 1 1/2 ba., A/C, garage, pool, small yard. \$250. 443-7057 or 537-7706.

80. Homes for Rent

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RENTAL GUIDE

APARTMENTS

FOR RENT: this space to advertise your apartment for rent. Only \$6 for 2 double lines for 1 week.

HOMES-HOMES-HOMES

DUBLIN — Sharp ECCO PARK, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, fam. rm., upgraded pts. thru-out. \$375 mo. PRESTIGE HOMES, 829-4900.

DUB. — Avail. imm., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 2 car garage, plush shag cpl., \$100 dep. + 1st & last, \$320 mo. HARRIS REALTY, 840-5900.

DUB. — Barkley Square, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, avail. 9/1, \$325 mo. UNITED CALIF. BROKERS, 829-2800.

DUB. — 4 bdrm., 2 bath, still being remodeled, ready 8/15, \$315 mo. UNITED CALIF. BROKERS, 829-2800.

DUBLIN — 3 bdrm., 2 bath, avail. immediately, \$290 mo. UNITED CALIF. BROKERS, 829-2800.

DUB.. 3 bdrm., 2 bath, central air, \$350 mo. Call HERITAGE REALTY, 828-6060.

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LIVER.. Springtown, 2 bdrm., 2 bath, super clean, A/C, AEK, \$275 mo. + \$100 dep. No. 447-6666 ask for Gary.

LIVER.. — 4 bdrm., 2 bath, redecorated like new, vacant, sprinlers in front, large yard, fenced w/ access. \$300 mo. UNITED CALIF. BROKERS, 829-2800.

LIVER.. — Huge Southside 4 bdrm., 2 bath older home, elec. kitchen, gobs of storage, cent. A/C, 447-2607.

LIVER.. — Vacant, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, clean home. BETTER HOMES REALTY, 455-6650.

LIVER.. — Highland Oaks, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, fresh paint, wallpaper thru-out, cabana club, vacant 8/9, \$350 mo. CENTURY 21, "GASLAMP" 846-8850.

PLAAS.. — Avail. imm., 3 bdrm., 2 bath, w/ frplc. in fam. rm., \$100 dep. + 1st & last mo., \$345 mo. HARRIS REALTY, 846-5900.

PLEAS.. — Immaculate, 4 bdrm., 2 bath, AEK, plush and private, avail. 9/1, \$385 mo. UNITED CALIF. BROKERS, 829-2800.

PLEAS.. — 3 bdrm., 2 bath, sharp, water included, \$395 mo. Call HERITAGE REALTY, 828-6060.

PLEAS.. — Avail. 8/9, 3 bdrm., 2 bath, 1400 sq. ft., nice frplc., fam. rm., & patio, \$100 dep. + 1st and last mo. \$350 mo. HARRIS REALTY, 846-5900.

RENT IT

Private Parties & Agents

443-1102.

48. Articles for Sale

BOOKSTORE, Local, established 3 yrs. & growing, ideal for 2nd income, inquiries: 829-D, Division St., Pleasanton.

63. Money to Loan

CALL US LAST!

Compare our rates on home loans. Stop by or call one of our loan officers to discuss your financial needs.

OWEN'S MORTGAGE COMPANY

990 Moraga Rd., Lafayette

CALL 284-5511

We purchase trust deeds and arrange financing on all types of real estate in California or Nevada.

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RENTALS

71. Offices—Stores (Rent)

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Several prime locations available.

LIVE

MUSIC STORE

opening soon in Pleasanton. Musical instruction available, for information call 537-1861.

52. Boats & Service

ALWAYS A BOAT SHOW

AT CROOKS BOATS

COMPARE

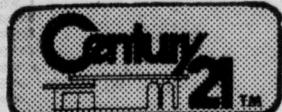
MERCURY MOTORS

Cruisers

Runabouts

LIVERMORE

MORE HOME FOR YOUR MONEY
Try this gorgeous "REDWOOD" in Livermore's Sunset Shadowbrook. Truly a king size kitchen, fruit trees, spacious indeed. If a weird shape lot doesn't both you, see it today! **CLASSIC REALTY** 829-2100 or 837-2100



POOL & AIR CONDITIONING

Outstanding 4 bedroom home! Formal dining, family room with fireplace. Assumable GI loan. 19 x 38 heated & screened pool with sweep, side yard access, beautiful covered patio and much, much more! **\$62,950.**



REDUCED \$3500

Seller must go and is now offering this custom 3 bedroom Southside home at a price that's hard to believe! Plush carpets, stone fireplace, and much more, **\$64,000.**



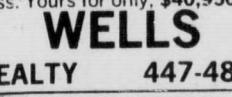
REDWOOD - POOL

Sunset East 4 or 5 bedroom home with 2 baths, 15 x 30 Master pool, wet bar, formal dining, and family room, see this one, **\$75,500.**



SELLER WILL PAY

Seller will pay points for new FHA or VAGI loan, and give early occupancy to qualified buyer on this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with lots of extras & close to BART bus & easy freeway access. Yours for only, **\$40,950.**



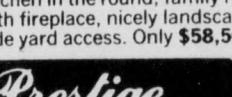
SOUTHSIDE SHARPIE

Neat as a pin, 3 bedroom home in choice location. Upgraded carpets, drapes, nice yard and possible side access, **\$39,500.**



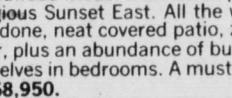
SUNSET

Don't miss this outstanding 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with air conditioning. Award winning kitchen in the round, family room with fireplace, nicely landscaped, side yard access. Only **\$58,500.**



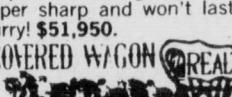
SUNSET'S LARGEST

Big, big, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, Redwood model situated in prestigious Sunset East. All the work is done, neat covered patio, zone air, plus an abundance of built-in shelves in bedrooms. A must see, **\$88,950.**



SUPER SHARP

A 3 bedroom, 2 bath home that has been professionally landscaped, large covered patio, A/EK, central air, carpets, drapes, finished garage. This is super sharp and won't last, so hurry! **\$51,950.**



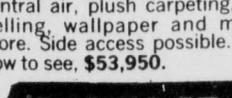
COVERED WAGON

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TEMPO

Big, 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with central air, plush carpeting, paneling, wallpaper and much more. Side access possible. Call now to see, **\$53,950.**



VA BUYERS

Seller says make me an offer on the nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with inside laundry in Leland Heights. Move in NOW! Asking **\$40,950.**



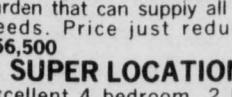
PLEASANTON

ANXIOUS OWNER
Has transferred and ready to do this 3000 sq. ft. home! 4 bedrooms, wet bar, 3 car garage. Bring in an offer, **\$81,950.**



COUNTRY DELIGHT

If you're basic country folk, but want to live in the city, don't miss seeing this lovely, tri-level 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. It has one of the largest lots available with a garden that can supply all your needs. Price just reduced! **\$56,500.**



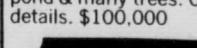
SUPER LOCATION

Excellent 4 bedroom, 2 bath home, located close to schools, shopping, and park. Enjoy the enclosed deck and screened patio. This home has lots of extras! Only **\$49,950.**



PLEASANTON

BRING YOUR HORSES
Am move into this city style custom built home. With all the new conveniences + over 2 acres, plus 4 bedroom executive home, **\$84,950.**

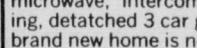


CUSTOM BUILT

Owner transferred, ranch style, 1800 sq. ft., custom drps., new cpts & beaut. kit. w/ lots of hand-crafted cabinets, much more, **\$69,950. 846-2047.**

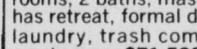
CUSTOM BUILT

Set on 1/2 acres with walnut orchard, this 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home has it all: 2000 sq. ft. of luxury includes central air, central vacuum, security system, microwave, intercom, full fencing, detached 3 car garage. This brand new home is now available for showing by appointment, **\$159,950.**



DEL PRADO

Only one year old, located on corner of this home has 3 or 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Master bedroom has retreat, formal dining, inside laundry, trash compactor and much more, **\$71,500.**



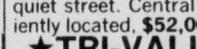
QUIET COURT

Is the setting for this large 4 bedroom, 2 bath Monterrey in the middle of Pleasanton Valley's best area. Large pool, plush carpet, drapes, wet bar, much more, **\$72,950.**



QUIET

Cu-de-sac for a large Spanish hacienda 4 bedrooms with walk-in closets, formal dining and light, airy rooms, **\$74,950.**



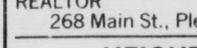
EXCEPTIONALLY

Decorated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, on quiet street. Central air, conveniently located, **\$52,000.**



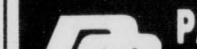
FALL IN LOVE

With this beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bath, from the time you open the door you'll see all the extras, landscaped to perfection with sprinklers, custom window coverings, extra large living room, central air, **\$58,950.**



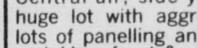
HEIGHTS

Are lovely from the patio of this charming, 3 bedroom lovely. Freshly painted and scrubbed, **\$54,500.**



LOW 50'S

Central air, side yard access, huge lot with aggregate patio, lots of paneling and wallpaper, sprinklers front & rear. Home is immaculately priced at, **\$51,950.** Just listed.



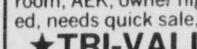
MOUNTAINS

A scenic view from this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, located on 1/4 acre lot with fireplace, large family room, A/EK, owner highly motivated, needs quick sale, **\$56,000.**



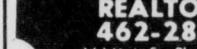
NEXT TO PARK

Tri-level, with custom drapes & carpets, central air, step down family room, sprinklers F. & R., side yard access, over 1900 sq. ft., **\$57,500.**



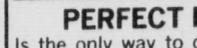
OLD..OLD..OLD

Take your pick of 2 lovely old Pleasanton homes near downtown, zone multiple commercial, a fantastic investment! **\$49,950.**



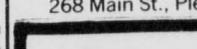
PERFECT PLUS

Is the only way to describe this lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath with large family room, A/EK with self-cleaning oven & dishwasher, large Dough Boy pool, sprinklers, **\$59,500.**



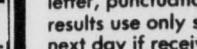
DECORATED LIKE

A model, you must see this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, all built-ins, professional landscaping, decorated thru-out. Call now, **\$52,500.**



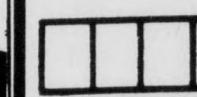
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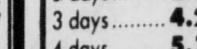
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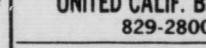
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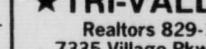
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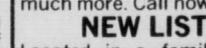
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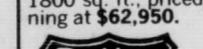
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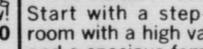
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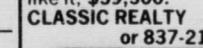
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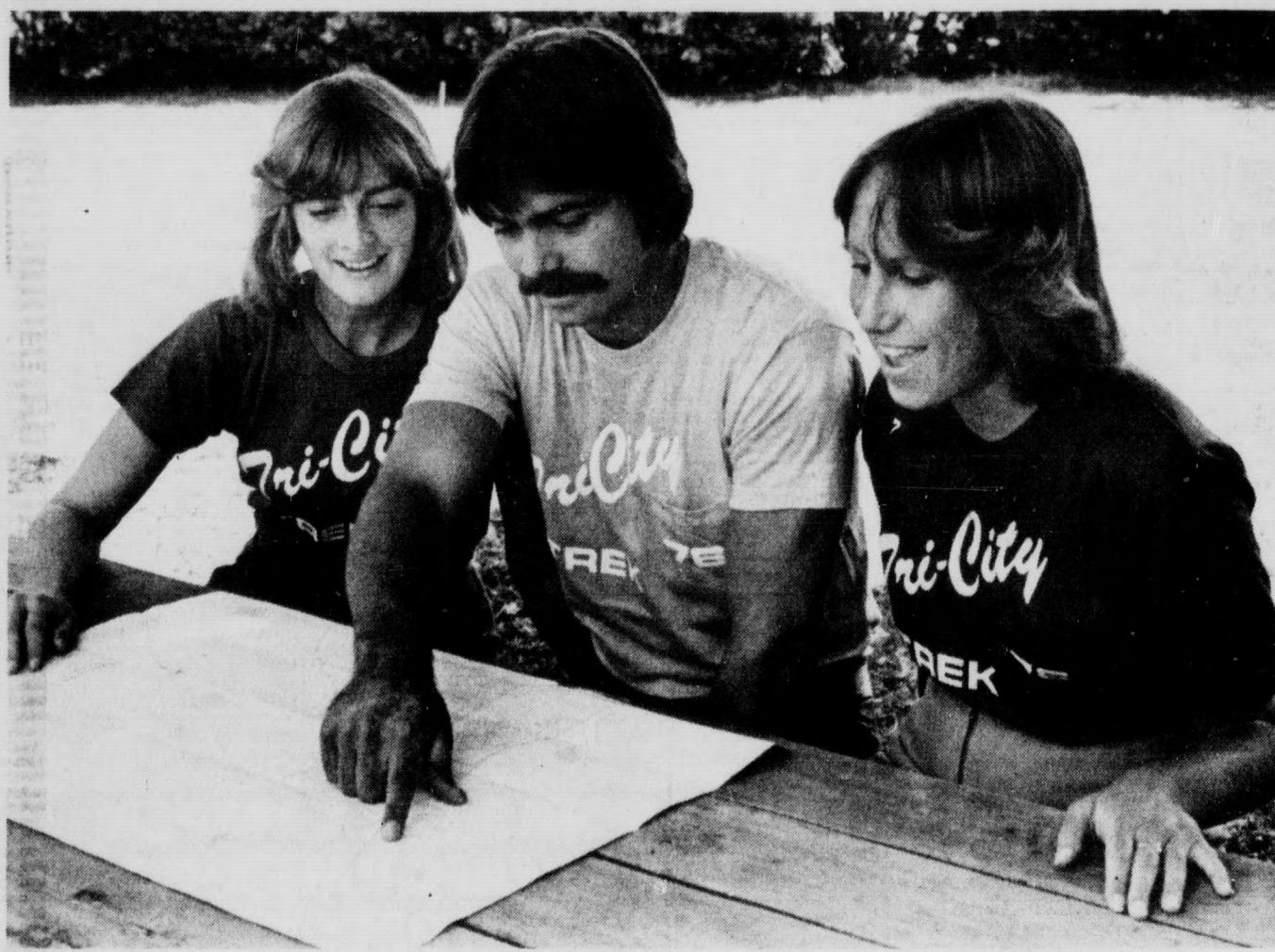
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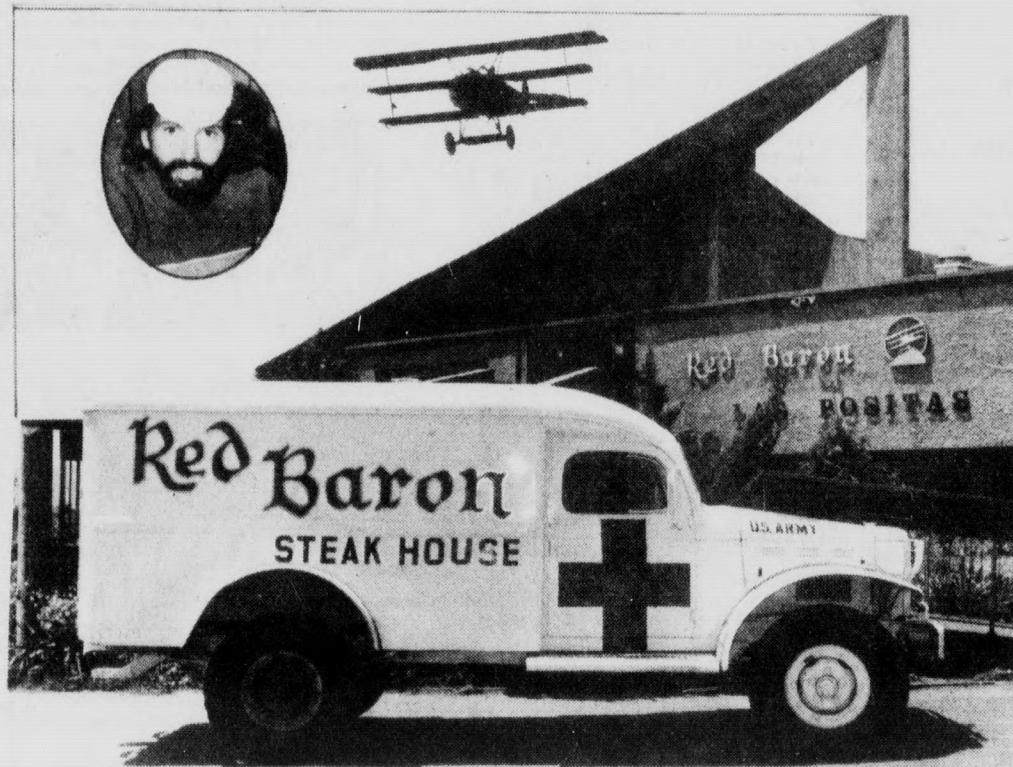
Barbara Coder (left) and Gary Hultberg of the Livermore recreation department, and Dublin rec representative Linda Pauer map out the route of the Tri City Trek scheduled Aug. 21 in Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. Any jogger can join in for the 13 or six mile run that winds up at Liver-

more's Carnegie Park. Pre-registration will be taken at the LARP office, 71 Trevarno Road, Livermore. Runners can sign up at the race starting points, Shannon Park for the long run, Stanley at First Street for the short course.

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Red Baron

The Red Baron Restaurant moves into the Livermore Airport vicinity on or near Sept. 1 when it takes over the location of the old Tradewinds. It will have a new decor nostalgic of World War I, including a cutaway working engine from a B-36 bomber. Steve Larimore (inset) is vice president of the operation. Steve Culler is the manager.

Melting pot for fondue specialties

Karen Mammes (below) attends to the needs of three patrons at The Melting Pot in Dublin, the fondue specialists with another cafe in Lafayette.

Dinner menus are on a lantern lighted by candle power. The wine list is a wine bottle. Friday and Saturdays usually bring entertainment.

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Flood plan angers folks

DANVILLE — Some San Ramon Valley residents are upset with a county flood-control plan to build eight "detention basins" or ponds — on four local creeks.

County engineers, however, view this preliminary plan to flood control environmentally more acceptable than lining the creeks with concrete or rock, or damming them.

Residents opposed to the plan questioned the proposed acquisition of several large — 5-to 55-acre — lots by condemnation of property, and removal of houses, at a San Ramon Valley Planning Committee meeting Tuesday.

The Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is studying methods of flood control for the San Ramon watershed, with the ultimate objective of forming a "master plan" for construction of facilities.

Present plans call for detention basins on sections of San Ramon, Sycamore and Green Valley creeks.

When constructed, maybe 10 or 15 years from now, the basins would protect buildings and other structures from a "100-year storm" — a storm so severe it is predicted to occur only once a century.

The Flood Control District plan must meet the "100-year storm" specifications because the county is part of the National Flood Insurance Program, which requires new structures to be safe from the 100-year storm, and existing structures either protected or covered by flood insurance.

Without coverage, owners can not get a loan from any federally insured, regulated or supervised bank or savings and loan service.

Bud Murphy of the county Public Works Department, stressed the project is still in the study stage, and that public input will be gathered before final decisions are made, by his department and the county Board of Supervisors.

Although Green Valley homeowners are among those opposing the plan, Murphy said, "We feel it fits in very well with your plans," referring to increased accumulation of open space land in the area.

Murphy said the detention basins could be developed into recreation areas (multi-use) or set aside as open space space.

A particularly hot issue is the proposed location of the basins — large areas

Dean's list

SAN RAMON — Vicki McDaniel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDaniel of Corinne Court, has achieved the Dean's List for the second year at California Baptist College in Riverside.

A graduate of San Ramon High School, Miss McDaniel is majoring in Special Education and hopes to work with handicapped children following graduation.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must maintain a near "A" average in all work undertaken.

either on or adjacent to the creeks, depressed to hold excess water until the storm subsides and water level in the creek returns to safe level.

Murphy, during a presentation with maps and slides, said the flood control district wants flat, undeveloped land on or adjacent to the creek, and as close as possible to downstream spots prone to flooding.

One of the sites tentatively selected is a 55-acre walnut orchard in San Ramon, which opponents claim is one of the last large stands of walnut trees in the valley.

Another is unit 5 of the Whitegate development, and Murphy and Milton Kubicek of the Public Works Department admitted a race for ownership could develop between the district and Harold Smith, who hopes to build on the lot.

"It would be quite expensive to build," because construction costs would be repeated for each basin.

In all, 150 acres are involved in the plan, according to Kubicek.

The projected cost is \$3.5 million, so "there is some

time in acquiring these lands," Kubicek said the district would first pursue "sites under pressure to build," such as the Whitegate property.

When the district is done collecting public input, engineers will firm up the plans, says Kubicek.

The completed report could be ready in two or three months. Then an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared. In March or April an amended zoning plan might be ready. The district must get the approval of the county Board of Supervisors before acquiring any land.

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